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Draft Rules For 2008 Memphis Charter

{How would using the following stop Memphis's voters from liking this Commission's 2008 Charter? The rules or similar ones might give the Commission useful tools.}

1. No more than 14 words in each sentence.
2. No more than 4 polysyllabic [3 or more syllables] words per 100 words.
3. Each page is numbered. Each page includes a constantly positioned box stating the following;
 - a. author of the page,
 - b. its date of approval by the designe(es) of this this Commission,
 - c. the date of the page which it supercedes.
4. All data about a topic or section will be in that unit of this Charter. Data means: rulings of Courts, TN Laws and City Council acts. New data means replacing pages. Each topic and section contains its funding means. Memphis operates only funded topics and sections.
5. The Table of Contents outlines the Charter.
6. The INDEX lists each topical word and its location.
7. The GLOSSARY defines each topical word.
8. The Charter defines each unit in the Memphis Government. Defining includes: who, what, where, when, why, and how.

Would the following increase voter awareness of the challenges and the Commission's efforts to meet them?

1. Use existing "public" computers to give voters access to the current Charter. Public computers are currently located or might be made available in City Hall and in local Schools, Colleges, Universities, Libraries. Such portals might share the records of the Commission and future plans.
2. Also, outlining challenges and asking for volunteers to overcome with written briefs might help. After explaining that Commissioners serve without wages. Such an approach would more likely succeed. Isn't FREEDOM a do it yourself thing?